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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the Restriction Requirement for the above-identified application. In the event Applicant has overlooked the need to request an extension of time, please consider this such a request. Please charge or credit Deposit Account No. 13-3080 with any shortage or overpayment of the fees associated with this communication.

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed January 11, 2007, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.